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SUBJECT: SPECIAL SITREP 1800- JUNE 15, 1973

FOLLOWING TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM AMCONSUL BIEN HOA JUNE 15 TH,
1973 REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO.

QUOTE:

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1. MR 3 HAS BEEN QUEIT DURING FIRST SIX HOURS OF STRICT OBSERVA-
TION OF JANUARY 28 CEASE- FIRE.

2. PHUOC TUY PROVINCE CHIEF LTC SON TOLD ARRO MID- AFTERNOON
JUNE 15 THAT HE HAD CLEARED TL 44 BETWEEN LONG HAI AND PHUOC
HAI, BUT THE COMMUNISTS WERE STILL IN LONG PHUOC. MR3 TOC
REPORTED INCIDENT POSSIBLY RELATED TO LATTER OPERATION,
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SAYING THAT COMMUNISTS FIRED EIGHT 82 MM MORTAR ROUNDS BETWEEN
1240
AND 1310 HOURS INTO 302 ND RF BN AT YS 434674 7 KM NE OF BA RIA.

3. BINH DUONG ARRO REPORTS LATE AFTERNOON JUNE 15 THAT ARVN
OPERATION TO CLEAR INTERPROVINCIAL ROUTE 1- A BETWEEN PHU
CUONG AND PHU GIAO WAS SUCCESSFUL AS OF AFTERNOON JUNE 14,
AND 1- A IS OPEN TODAY, WITH TROOPS OF ARVN 5 TH DIVISION SITTING
ON THE ROAD. GVN OFFICIALS WOULDN' T TELL HIM, BUT HE FOUND
OUT ANYWAY BY QUESTIONING BUS DRIVERS IN PHU CUONG.

4. LONG KHANH PROVINCE CHIEF COL. MACH VAN TRUONG TOLD CONSULS
MID- AFTERNOON JUNE 15 THAT THERE HAD BEEN THREE COMMUNIST-
INITIATED INCIDENTS TODAY, ALL BEFORE NOON. AT 0830 COMMUNISTS
FIRED 61 MM MORTAR ROUNDS AT 377 RF AT & T 438013, BUT WERE
QUICKLY DRIVEN BACK. COL. TRUONG ELABORATED FURTHER SECOND
INCIDENT IN BAO VINH HAMLET (DESCRIBED BIEN HOA 203); COMMUNIST
PLATOON (ABOUT 20 MEN) HAD APPROACHED BAO
VINH ABOUT 0840 AND TOLD FARMGRS THEY WOULD TAKE IT OVER AT
1000. FARMERS TOLD GVN, WHO IMMEDIATELY SENT IN 32 ND PF
PLATOON, AND THEN 133 RF COMPANY, WHICH DROVE THEM OFF. THIRD
INCIDENT WAS AT FRENCH RUBBER PLANTATION WHICH HOI CHANH HAD
REPORTED WOULD BE OCCUPIED BY VC AS LOCAL HQ. SECTOR FORCES
OCCUPIED IT FIRST, AND WHEN VC/ NVA APPROACHED, THERE WAS A
BRIEF SKIRMISH. GVN DEFENDERS CALLED ON HELICOPTER FIRE SUPPORT,
BUT COL. TRUONG ORDERED HELICOPHAR TO BREAK OFF EXCHANGE OF
FIRE WITH VC GROUND FORCES AT NOON, BECAUSE, HE EXPLAINED
CANDIDLY, " THE ICCS HERE COULD HAVE SEEN THE HELICOPTER
FIRING DOWN, BUT COULDN' T SEE THE VC FIRING UP AT IT."

COMPARED WITH JANAUARY CEASE- FIRE PERIOD,
WHEN COMMUNISTS OCCUPOED 29 HAMLETS, THIS PERIOD WAS EXTREMELY
QUIET.

5. TRUONG ALSO TOLD CONSULS THAT HE PLANS TO CONTINUE NORMAL
DAY AND NIGHT MILITARY OPERATIONS DESIGNED TO PROTECT THE
SECURITY OF POPULATION LIVING IN AREAS UNDER GVN CONTROL. HE
SAID THAT ALTHOUGH HE HAD RECEIVED ORDERS FROM MR3 HDQS.
CALLING FOR STRICT ADHERENCE TO KISSINGER/ THO ACCORD, HE
HAD RECEIVED NO ORDER TO RESTRICT SECURITY OPERATIONS. RATHER,
HE HAD BEEN ORDERED TO AVOID FORAYS INTO COMMUNIST- CONTROLLED
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